

The Markets

New York Stock Exchange.
New York, Dec. 30.—All around improvement was shown by the stock market in today's early dealings, overnight developments conducing to that condition. United States Steel and the oil shares were in especial demand while various war descriptions were materially higher. Steel opened with 1,000 shares at \$75 to \$74, a gain of 1%, while Mexican Petroleum, Texas company and California Petroleum common and preferred showed gains ranging from one to four points. Close:

American Sugar Refining, 114%; Anaconda Copper, 89; Atchison, 107%; China Copper, 54%; Inspiration Copper, 45%; Northern Pacific, 117%; Reading, 42%; Southern Pacific, 102%; Union Pacific, 128%; United States Steel, 37%; United States Steel pfld., 116%.

Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Trekking of insurance on cargoes passed through the Suez canal had a bullish effect today on the wheat market here. The inference generally drawn was that much, if not all wheat shipped from Australia and India would have to come over & 1/2 or even longer lines on the existing bulge in the market here; holders showed a disposition to realize profits, opening prices which ranged from 5¢ to 7¢ higher, with May at \$1.25%; June, \$1.35%; and July at \$1.17%, were followed by a sharp reaction and then a fresh upturn.

The close was buoyant, 1 1/2 to 2¢ higher net higher, with May at \$1.22% and July at \$1.18%.

Clear, cold weather which seemed to promise larger receipts, tended to depress corn. After opening unchanged to the lower, the market underwent a moderate rise.

The close was firm at 5¢ to 6¢ net advance.

Cats showed a little more stemness than corn.

Investment buying through economic and houses gave decided strength to mortgages.

Venez.—May, \$1.25%; July, 1.18%; Corn—Dec., 73 1/2¢; May, 73 1/2¢; Oats—Apr., May, 47 1/2¢; Pork—Jan., 115 1/2¢; May, 119 1/2¢; Lamb—Jan., 109 1/2¢; May, 119 1/2¢; Hams—Jan., 119 1/2¢; May, 116 1/2¢.

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, \$1.18 1/2%; No. 2 red, \$1.19 1/2%; May, \$1.17 1/2%; July, \$1.14 1/2%.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 62¢; No. 2 white, 61 1/2¢; May, 72 1/2¢; July, 73 1/2¢.

Oats—No. 2 white, 73 1/2¢; No. 2 mixed, 75 1/2¢.

Kansas City Produce.
Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Butter, cans & poultry unchanged.

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Hogs—Receipts, 10,000, strong, 100 above regular's average. Bulk, \$6.45 to \$6.50; light, \$6.20 to \$6.75; heavy, \$6.25 to \$6.80; pigs, \$6.80.

Cattle—Receipts, 1,500, steady. Prime fed steers, \$8.00 to \$9.50; dressed beef steers, \$8.50 to \$9.50; western steers, \$6.10 to \$8.75; cows, \$2.50 to \$4.10; calves, \$7.00 to \$8.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,500, steady. Wethers, \$8.00 to \$9.00; lambs, 17.25¢ to \$6.00.

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Sheep—Receipts, 1,200, lighter. Tops, \$6.50; bulk, \$6.25 to \$6.40.

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New York Money.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mercurial market, 70-80¢ per cent. Bar silver, 54¢. Mexican dollars, 72¢.

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New York Lead and Spelter.
New York, Dec. 30.—The metal exchange quotes lead offered, \$2.40; spelter, not quoted.
At London: Lead, 120, 2s; spelter, 120.

New York Metals.
New York, Dec. 30.—Copper, Erm; electrotic, \$22.25 to \$23.00.
Iron, steady and unchanged.
Metal exchange quotes tin firm spot, \$39.75 bid.
At London: Spun copper, 186, 7s, 6d; futures, 186, 10s; electrotic, 188.
Spot tin, 125; futures, 116.
Lead, spot, 120, 18s; futures, 128, 15s.
Antimony, 125.

New York Cotton.
New York, Dec. 30.—Spot cotton, steady; middling upland, \$12.30; gins, 1,789 bales.

LANSING ENTERS SUGGESTION FOR ARBITRATION OF BORDER DISPUTES

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lading of supplies for the Serbian army.

VON MACKENSEN REACHES SOIA, IS UNOFFICIAL REPORT

London, Dec. 28, 1915 (See)—In an official telegram received in Amsterdam from Sofia, Bulgaria, states that Field Marshal von Mackensen, German commander, arrived at Sofia yesterday, according to a dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company. After visiting the German and Austro-Hungarian legations in Bulgaria and King Ferdinand, the field marshal returned to Sofia.

It was reported on December 28 in news dispatches that Field Marshal von Mackensen was directing preparations for a powerful expedition against Egypt.

There was no change on the other front.

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT BEFORE MONTENEGRINS

Cetinje, Montenegro, Dec. 29 (via official telegram received in Amsterdam from Sofia, Bulgaria), states that Field Marshal von Mackensen, German commander, arrived at Sofia yesterday, according to a dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company.

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PROHIBITIONISTS EXPECT TO GAIN VOTING STRENGTH

Anti-Liquor Leaders in Conference in Chicago Declare Big Factions Must Make Concessions or Lose Strength.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire)

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Predictions that if the national Democratic and Republican platforms in 1916 do not contain prohibition planks there will be many defections from those parties to the Prohibition party were made today by Prohibition leaders gathered here to consider the coming campaign. The conference was presided over by Virgil C. Hinshaw, national chairman.

Among those mentioned as candidates were J. Frank Minty, former governor of Indiana; William Sulzer, former governor of New York; Edmund P. House, former Alabama congressman, and Eugene Foss, former governor of Massachusetts.

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